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Part B for September 1919

SUBJECT.

Appointment of mr B. Venkoba Rao, B.A.
Govt archaeological scholar

3 G O no G 6966-9 dt 7-9-19

To
The Director of Archaeological Researches
a Chief Engineer of mysore
a mysore Superintendent of mysore
a Comptroller, mysore Govt.

Appoints mr B. Venkobarao, B.A as Archaeological Draftsman in the Archaeological Department on a pay of Rs 150/- and states the usual leave rules will be laid down later on.

W D 1250—GPB—30,000 - 28-1-19

R Rao
9-2-20.

G. R. S. III—1] 1918.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(gm ~~C B~~ .)

NOTES.

File No. 80-19

FILE HEADING.

Representation of M. B. Venkoba Rao, B.A., Architectural scholar.

From

M. B. Venkoba Rao, B. A.

No. Application Dated 17.5.19 Received 17.5.19

Diary No. 1050	Enclos. 6 Spare Copies.	Serial No.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

States that he has successfully undergone the course of training in Architecture in Bombay and prays that he may be given an appointment suited to his qualifications.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1 Dewan's orders:- "May be worked up with all connected papers and put up for orders in 10 days" Intd. A.R.B. 21/5/19

2 Chief Secy's orders:- "C.B. Get the previous references and put up early" Intd. C.S.B. 21/5.

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3 Mr. Venkoba Rao was awarded a Scholarship of Rs 75/- p.m. tenable for four years from 1st June 1915 for undergoing training in architecture, at the office of the Consulting Architect to the Govt. of Bombay. (G.O. no. 2843-47 | Edn. 161-13-12 dated 15th Feb: 1914).

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4 On the representation of Mr. Venkoba Rao that the Scholarship of Rs 75 was inadequate and that the Scholars of the Govt. of India were given a Scholarship of Rs 100/-, the Scholarship amount was raised to Rs 100/- with effect from 24th Nov. 1915. (G.O. no. 2567-71 - Edn. 57-15-2 dated 3.12.1915).

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5. Mr. Venkoba Rao was intended for an appointment in the Archeological Dept. on a Salary of not less than Rs 100 - 150. (Vide clause 5 of the notice calling for applications)

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6 Mr. R. A. Narasimha Char Officer in charge of the Archeological Dept, wanted the services of a ~~[illegible]~~ trained architect for his Dept. (Vide page 17 of Edn. file no. 161-13.)

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7 The report of the Ag. Consulting Architect to the Govt. of Bombay and the testimonials of certain Professors of Sir J J School of Art, copies of which have been furnished by Mr. Venkoba Rao,

[illegible] to papers under disposal

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Shows that M. Venkoba Rao has undergone the training with much credit.

2. There is at present no appointment in the Archeological Dept to which M. B Venkoba Rao can be posted A new appointment has to be created. Submitted for orders with reference.

B.S. Iyer 20/5.

3 M. Venkoba Rao has gone through his training with credit & may be made use of in the Archaeological Dept as first intended or in the P. W. Dept. The heads of the two Depts may be consulted by 2nd member

C&S 22/5/19

For his application of M. Venkoba Rao, dated 21st May 19, since received from the Collector of Chingleput, is placed on the file.

20/5/19.

1256-2/3. 22.5.19.

10 Approved.

11 M. Venkoba Rao has been one since I have had an opportunity of seeing some of his productions also. The latter are certainly indicative of some talent in him, as far as my knowledge of such things goes.

Peel 23.5.19

Please consult Dr of Archaeology & Ch Engr.

C&S 23/5/19.

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U.O

15 Forwarded, with compliments, to the Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore for favour of his views regarding the utilisation of the services of Mr. Venkoba Rao in his Department.

By order,

S Bhebbukar

for Chief Secretary to Govt.

24/5/14

U.O. No 237

1. The services of Mr. B. Venkoba Rao may be utilised in my Department in connection with the conservation of the numerous ornate structures found in different parts of the State. Conservation, of course, includes suitable repairs and restoration, where necessary. The majority of these buildings are going to ruin for want of skilled supervision and the repairs carried out by the D.P.W. in several cases have not been satisfactory. In British India every Archaeological Circle has a trained architect attached to it and repairs etc., to buildings of archaeological interest, where attended to by the D.P.W., are invariably made under the advice and supervision of this officer.

15. His services may also be utilised in the preparation of the proposed comprehensive monograph on

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on the Hoysala Buildings in Mysore.

16 Further, the preservation of the numerous Muzrai institutions, such as temples etc., which is now attended to by an Assistant Engineer attached to the Muzrai Department, may also be added on to the duties of this officer, since a good many of these buildings are either of archaeological, historical or architectural interest.

R. Narasimhachar

28/5/1919

17 Forwarded U.O. with compliments to the Chief Engineer of Mysore for favour of his views regarding the utilisation of the Services of Mr. B. Venkoba Rao in his Department.

By order.

for Chief Secretary to Govt.

U/ Unofficial No 85/P.W.D dt- 30th May 1919.

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m.off. No. 85 /P.W.D.
Dated the 30th May 1919.

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15 I am sorry I was not aware of his coming out sometime previously.

9 It seems that he has been intended from the commencement for the Archaeological Department and as his services are wanted by the Director of - - Archaeology,

6 I have no objection to his services being utilised in that Department.

10 I beg to avail myself of this opportunity of stating that I am shortly placing a proposal before Government to train an Engineering Graduate in Architecture and Architectural Designing.

Chief Engineer of Mysore.

Camp. Koppa,
1st June 1919.

21
Submitted. May the Fin: Secy. be also Consulted?
BS 5/6/19

22 I am not very sure if there will be full time work for this official in the Archaeological Dept. & it may perhaps be useful if he can be made use of in the P.W.D also. He may perhaps be appointed at present to the Archaeological Dept & his pay may be fixed at 150 Rs to start with or 150 - 20 - 250 Rs, subject to a year's probation. This will be a new

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appointment in the Archaeological Dept. by rules will have to be fixed in a definite manner.

7778-19/9.6.19

2nd member)

9/6/19

23/6. Seems to me that the Architect attached to the Archaeological Dept. should not have anything to do with the P.W.D. Experience has made it abundantly clear that men in the P.W.D. trained in its methods are not the best for Archaeological work & do not know what the Mughal Dept has got to say about it but it strikes me that there is room in common between the Archaeological & the Mughal Depts. between the former & the P.W.D. [illegible]. Same of opinion that the services of Dr. Hunter Rao may be utilised in both the Arch. & the Mughal Dept if the latter Dept is agreeable to it. In this case the Architect may be attached to the Arch. Dept while the Asst Engineer is to the Mughal Dept. The former would be responsible for all the work connected with designing & restoration, while the latter would be fully responsible for all Executive connected therewith

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Here with I fear be a few practical difficulties in giving full effect to this intention but it is well worth a trial all the same in my opinion & this first possible that Experience may indicate the means to smoothen out the bumps in the way!

Rec
10.6.19

24 Please consult Mr Keay also

Sd
10/6

25 Forwarded unofficially with Compliments to Mr G Aravamudu Iyengar BA; BL. Mysore Secretary to Govt, for favour of opinion

By order
G M Hebbar
for Chief Secretary to Govt

26 An Architectural expert will no doubt be a valuable adjunct to the Mysore dept in dealing with the repairs and restoration of ornate structures and I have on hand three or four works of this class awaiting the attention of such an officer

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Most of these are included in the list of Ancient Monuments chosen for preservation and the recommendations of the Committee appointed by Govt to suggest the ways and means are before Govt. The Architectural expert can well be put in charge of these monuments and work under the Director of Archeology who may be addressed in case the Mysore or other Departments should require the services of the Architect. His pay and allowances may be met out of the funds allotted for the preservation of these monuments and it may be made an instruction that he should be consulted in all matters relating to the maintenance or repairs of these monuments.

I am not sure that the Assistant Engineer attached to the Mysore Dept can himself attend to the execution of works spread over the whole State and separated by distances as they are likely to be. Except under

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favourable or exceptional circumstances the local representatives of the Departments of Public Works and Revenue will have to attend to the essential things the design and estimates may mean be kept at least in all important cases, to be prepared by the Architectural expert or the Mysore Assistant Engineer

K Narasimhaiengar
14. 6. 19

Forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT. BANGALORE. 19 JUN 1919

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H seems to opinion

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15/6/19

The proposal involves the creation of a new appointment and additional recurring expenditu and in the absence of a certificate from the Comptroller pointing out margin of funds for incurring such expenditure, it is financially inadmissible.

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23/6

Please get [illegible] cite.

CSJ
27/6

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From the F. A. Resident.
memo. no. 4611 of 13.6.19

Forwards copy of letter no. 501 dated 29th April 1919 from the Af. Consulting Architect to the Govt of Bombay to the Secy to Govt, P.W.D, Bombay - regarding the training and attainments of Mr B Venkoba Rao, the Mysore Scholar.

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31 Forwarded with Compliments, to the Comptroller Mysore Govt. for favour of furnishing a certificate required in para 29 supra.

By order

for Chief Secretary to Govt.

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4 JUL 1919

32 According to the draft Budget Estimates for 1919-20 the expenditure under the group 'Civil Administration' is in excess of the Assignment plus the annual growth of revenue plus the departmental -- receipts. There is, therefore, no margin for any further expenditure and details of certificate are not accordingly furnished.

Comptroller.

CV/3-7

From Mr. B. Venkoba Rao.
Letter dt 1.7.19

Furnishes a memo of points in support of his application and requests that he maybe given a starting pay of not less than Rs 200 p.m.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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34 Forwarded, with compliments, to the Financial Secretary to fort with the Comptroller's remarks. (Vide paras 29 & 32 supra.)

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5/7/19

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BANGALORE
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6-7-19

35. He has been specially trained and his services have to be utilised in some Dept or other. The P.W. Dept does not appear to be keen on taking him & the Mysore Dept has already an Engineer. In the circumstances the only Dept to which he can be appointed is the Archaeological Dept for which he was intended and in which there appears to be some work for him. The only consideration is that there is not likely to be full work for him in that Dept. His services are not, however, be lost unutilised for this reason and I would therefore suggest that he may be posted to the Archaeological Dept on the pay originally promised and that the arrangement may be treated as temporary, say for 2 or 3 years. I suggest that the arrangement may be considered temporary for some time as it is obviously unnecessary to make a

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | C. B File No. of 1918.

Serial No.

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5/7/19

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BANGALORE.
JUL 1919
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permanent addition of another Officer to the staff of that Dept which has now got a Director & an Assistant to the Director besides a Probationer under training. Within the next 2 or 3 years some opportunity may present itself for utilising Mr Vencoba Rau's Services in the Archaeological Dept without increasing the permanent strength of its Superior Staff. I would also suggest that Mr Vencoba Rau's services should be available to the Muzrai Dept tho' he may be working as a member of the Archaeological Dept.

36. The extra Cost involved by his appointment may be met by some feasible readjustment within the Group Civil Administration.

Mmh 18/7/19

Chief Secy)

18/7/19

37 Submitted for orders.

Ag 18/7 Mr.

38 May be considered in Council

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22-7-19

1st member } Dewan }

CBK 21/7/19

39 Secy.

40 The Hon. Secy. view with the acceptance. Meet the requirements of the case. I think

Well 23.7.19

41 Hon Council

Well 25.7.19

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42 circulate

CBK 25/7/19

(For disposal at a meeting)

No. C. 66

28.7.1919

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

SUBJECT.

(Clause v of the Schedule)

Proposal to appoint Mr. B. Venkoba Rao, Architectural Scholar in the Archaeological Department.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

C S Balasundaram
Chief *Secretary to Government.*

26th July 1919.

Extraordinary Member of Council. K Rao 2.8.19

First Member of Council. seen.

509/18.19 **Second Member of Council.** 1/8/19

479/28.7.19 **Third Member of Council.**

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43 Mr Venkatachari may be given a place in the Archaeological Dept. as proposed by the Director, his services being made available for the Mysore Dept. also whenever required

44) His appointment should however be treated as a purely temporary one for a year & his services dispensed with at the end of the period of probation.

Dec 31/17 [illegible]

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Extract from the Proceedings of the 500th *Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Bangalore on the* 7th August *1919*

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4. Subject.—Clause v of the Schedule.

Proposal to appoint Mr. B. Venkoba Rao, Architectural Scholar, in the Archaeological Department.

Opinion of the Council.

(45) Mr. Venkoba Rao may be employed as an Architectural Draftsman in the Archaeological Department on a pay of Rs.150 on probation for a year at present. His future prospects may be decided after a year.

Sd. M. Kantaraj Urs,
Dewan of Mysore.

"EXTRACT"

C S Balasundaram

Chief Secretary to Government

WD 1148—GPB—1,000—23-12-18

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46 D F N. Submitted.

1st Monday

110/-266.
13.5.19.

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17/8/19

(47) Dorpt approved
Reel
15.8.19

(48) D. S. N. Submitted
Dewan

CBX
16/8/19.

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FINAL NOTE BY THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

(49) SUBJECT: Proposal to appoint Mr. B. Venkoba Rao, Architectural Scholar, in the Archaeological Department.

T Mr. Venkoba Rao, Clerk, General and Revenue Secretariat, was granted an Architectural Scholarship of Rs.75/- per mensem, tenable for four years from 1st June 1915 and deputed for training in the office of the Consulting Architect, Bombay, Vide Government Order dated 12th May 1915.

U 2. In Government Order dated 3rd December 1915, his scholarship was raised to Rs.100/- per mensem, with effect from 24th November 1915.

3. He has undergone the course successfully and has also stood first and secured the prize in the recent examinations. Vide

I Consulting Architect's letter, dated 29th April 1919, to the Secretary, Public Works Department, Bombay.

S 4. In para 5 of the notice calling for applications for the scholarship, it was stated that at the close of the training, the scholar would have a chance of being taken into the Archaeological Department on a salary of not less than Rs.100-150.

P.W.D. 5. Mr. Venkoba Rao now requests that he may be given an appointment suitable to his qualifications.

6. Under my instructions, the Director of Archaeology and the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, were unofficially consulted as regards his entertainment in the respective Departments. Both are of opinion that Mr. Venkoba Rao's services may be utilized in the Archaeological Department, but the former adds that he may also attend to the work relating to the preservation of

Pages 4 to 6 of the note.

Pleas

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of the numerous muzrai institutions. The Muzrai Secretary also agrees in this view.

Para 22 of the notes.

7. The Chief Secretary proposed his being appointed in the Archaeological Department on a pay of Rs.150/- or 150-20-250, subject to a year's probation.

Paras 35 & 36 of the notes.

8. The Financial Secretary considers that he may be posted to the Archaeological Department on the pay originally promised, the arrangement being treated as temporary for 2 or 3 years; and that his services may also be made available to the Muzrai Department.

Page 16 of the notes.

9. The question was considered in Council and it was resolved that Mr. Venkoba Rao might be employed as an Architectural Draftsman in the Archaeological Department on a pay of Rs.150/-, on probation for a year at present, and that his future prospects might be decided after a year.

10. The recommendation of the Council may be approved.

11. For the short period intervening between the time the candidate returned from his training and the time he joins the appointment under sanction now, the stipend granted to him during his training may be continued.

P. Rajagopalachari
13.8.19

15th August 1919. MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Submitted to His Highness.

(50) *I submit herewith a Final Note by the*.....First...

Member of Council on the subject of.....the appointment

of Mr. B. Venkoba Rao, Architectural Scholar, in the

Archaeological Department,

for His Highness' gracious approval.

18th Aug. 1919

Seshadri Iyer

Dewan.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

H.C. 232
18.8.19.

Subject.

Appointment of Mr. B. Venkoba Rao as Architectural Draftsman in the Archaeological Department.

(51) 277. Returned with Do No 99 dated 19.8.19.

Order.

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PRIVATE SECRETARY MYSORE

The Palace,
Bangalore.

19th August 1919.

My dear Sir,

I am directed to return file No. 232 dated the 18th August 1919 and to say that His Highness approves of your proposals regarding the appointment and pay of Mr. B. Venkoba Rao but would prefer that in consideration of his training and qualifications his appointment may be called that of Architectural Assistant rather than Draftsman. His Highness trusts that you will agree to this.

Yours sincerely,

Sirdar M. Kantaraj Urs, C.S.I.,
Bangalore.

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(57) A draft G.O. is submitted.

Hem
21/8/19

(58) For approval
1st member

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22.8.19

CSJ
24/8/19

(59) Draft approved
Hem
23.8.19

~~Draft submitted~~

CSJ
23/8/19

(60) Submitted with a draft D.O to P.S. H.E. as instructed

Dewan

CSJ
25/8/19

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GPB—25,000—22-3-15

D.O. No. 144 Encls. one file. 2/9/19

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My dear Sir,

(61)

With reference to your D.O. letter No.99 dated 19th August 1919 regarding the appointment of Mr. B.Venkoba Rao as Architectural Assistant instead of Draftsman in the Archaeological Department, I write to say that there is already an Architectural Assistant in the Public Works Department in Mr. P.S.Subramaniyam who is drawing a pay of Rs.300/- per mensem and who is treated as a gazetted officer (Assistant Engineer) for purposes of travelling allowance etc., The appointment of Mr. Venkoba Rao as Architectural Assistant would perhaps give room for a claim for his being similarly treated as a Gazetted Officer. If it is His Highness' pleasure that he might be treated as a Gazetted Officer, there is no objection to give effect to His Highness orders. Other wise the original recommendation of the Council may be allowed to stand.

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I shall be glad if you will obtain and communicate to me His Highness' further orders in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Dewan. 2/9/19

CBX 2/9/19

To

R.H.Campbell, Esqr., C.I.E.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

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D.O.Fr no.77

Go No 145
W&Sone file

THE PALACE,
MYSORE.

15th September 1919.

My dear Sir,

62 In returning the File received with your D.O. letter No. 144 dated the 2nd September 1919, I am directed to say that the original recommendation of the Council to appoint Mr. B. Venkoba Rao, as Architectural Draftsman may stand.

Yours Sincerely
Mirza M. Ismail

Sirdar M. Kantaraj Urs, C.S.I.,
Bangalore.

Ch. Leg
16.9.19
63 Draft revised submd for approval
1st member
(64) Revised draft approved 48
order may issue read. 16/9/19
17.9.19

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16.9.19

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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(65) H. H. has approved the proposal. F/D has agreed — Paras 13 & 14 Draft Steps communicating the above Orders

24/9

(66) Entered in Register No 27 to 2669

(67) Communicated 26/9

3 To.

The Director of Irrigation Researches

" Chief Engineer of Mysore

" Irrigation Engineer in Mysore

" Comptroller Mysore Govt

G.O. No G 6966-9 dt 7-9-19

Appoints Mr B. Venkobarao B.A. as Architectural Draftsman in the Archaeological Dept on a pay of Rs 150/- and Condones also the scholarship from the date of his return to this joining the appointment and to that the source for meeting the cost will be pointed out later on.

P.T.O.

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Serial No.

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Director of Breh Researches
Letter no 75 R 22-9-19
Thanks that Mr B. Wadhwa is
reported himself for duty on the forenoon
of the 22nd instant

(68) Seb mitted for perusal. The question
of pointing out the source will be taken
up early in January when only the portable
pumps can be found out for orders

27.9.19 Seb
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Asst Director

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(69) Secn
Recd
29.9.19
Secn
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Mr. Rec

Mr BJ

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(27)

Mr. B. Venkoba Rao, B.A.
Govt architectural Scholar
from Bombay.
Mysore Govt. Service.

I R No 97

17.5.15

Mysore Sch 100 Rs pm
Completed training letter
from Bombay for posting
in the drawing office
4 years good quality
Trained historical
archeological dept
work a host

May be worked up
with all enquiries
papers updated for
file in 10 days

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17.5

CB 10.50

CB
early
17/5

To

The Chief Secretary to the :

Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

I beg to report the completion of my training in the Office of the Consulting Architect to the Government of Bombay, Public Works Department, Bombay, in accordance with the Govt. Order No. 2843-47/Edn. 161-13-8 dated the 15th February 1915. I have undergone four year's training both in modern and ancient architecture and I have also attended the architectural classes at the Sir J.J.School of Art, Bombay, as stipulated in the Government Order; and completed the course successfully.

2. The Ag. Consulting Architect has reported the completion of my training to ~~the~~ the Secretary to the Government of Bombay in his letter dated the 29th April 1919, a copy of which is enclosed for ready reference. I came under the observation of the present Ag. Consulting Architect only for about six weeks, i.e., from the 20th March 1919 since when he has been acting as such. The permanent officer, Mr. G. Wittet, F.R.I.B.A., who is responsible for my training went on leave in March last and I submit herewith a copy of the certificate which he has given to me before he left Bombay. I also submit copies of certificates I have obtained from other officers of Government of Bombay and from some of the reputed architects of the place with whom I came in contact in the course of my training.

3. One of the recommendations made by the Conference of Orientalists held at Simla in July 1911 was that Indians should be trained in the work of systematic and scientific conservation and restoration of ancient monuments which work has for the most part been done by Europeans hitherto. In accordance with this recommendation the Government of India selected three students to get them trained in the principles

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principles and practice of architecture in the Consulting Architect's Office at Bombay. The Mysore Government desired to take advantage of this special training and on the recommendation of the then British Resident, the Hon'ble Col. Sir Hugh Daly, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., the Bombay Government agreed to train only one man from the Mysore Durbar. I was thereupon selected and sent to Bombay to undergo the training along with the other three students of the Government of India. I joined the Bombay office on 1st June 1915 and I therefore complete my training on the 1st June 1919. I submit this application a few days in advance so that the question of my future employment may Kindly be taken up by ~~the~~ Government from now and early decision arrived at

4. I am intended for the Archaeological Department of the State and the training I have undergone is such as to enable me to take up the architectural portion of the Department, viz., excavation, conservation and restoration of ancient monuments and the preparation of drawings of the same for record and publication.

As stated above, I have studied both modern and ancient architecture. So far as modern architecture is concerned, I have spent these four years in the Bombay office preparing designs and working plans for the various buildings that were constructed in the Bombay Presidency. Fortunately many important buildings were in the course of erection in the Bombay city itself when I went there and I could thus visit them personally and acquire practical knowledge in the art of building construction.

As regards ancient architecture, I have devoted particular attention to Indian work and have visited most of the places of architectural interest in Northern India and studied the ancient monuments standing in those places.

At the School of Art I have studied the history of architecture, Drawing and Designing. I have secured prizes in all the classes and in the Final Examination held in the month of March I have passed out first and won a prize and a medal.

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Almost all of my drawings which I prepared in the School have been kept framed in the class room as good specimens of designing.

Quite recently I prepared a design for a memorial fountain to be built in white marble as part of my office work which was much appreciated by the Officers there. The fountain is being erected at Bijapur at present.

As regards my general educational qualifications, I am a graduate in Arts with History as my optional subject and Sanskrit as my Second language. (Madras University, Old Regulations)

5. The other three students selected by the Government Of India who were working with me have also completed their training and the prospects offered to them are that they will be appointed as Assistants to the Archaeological Superintendents on a salary of not less than Rs. 250/- per mensem.

6. Having set forth all the above facts concerning my training I beg to request that the Government will be pleased to consider my case sympathetically and confer on me an appointment suited to my qualifications.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P.V. Venkoba Rao

Bangalore,
17th May 1919.

No of 1919.

Consulting Architect's Office.

Bombay, 29th April 1919.

From

J. Mercer, Esquire., L.R.I.B.A.,

Ag. Consulting Architect to Government,

B O M B A Y .

To.

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department, B o m b a y .

Sir,

With refernce to Government Memorandum No. E 2908, dated the 9th March 1915, I have the honour to report that Mr. B. Venkoba Rao, the Mysore Scholar, who joined this office on the 1st June 1915 will have completed his four years training in this office by the 1st June 1919 and also his course of studies at the Sir J.J.School of Art.

During the past four years he has been engaged in the preparation of working plans and details for various buildings many of which he has had opportunities of visiting and seeing the works in progress. At the School of Art he has come under my obse vation whilst attending my classes. His intelligence is of a good order and much above the average and he always quickly secured a grasp of the subjects taught. He has successfully passed through the School both from a constructional and artistic as well as an Historical point of view and it is with pleasure I have learnt he has passed out first and secured the prize in the recent examinations.

Mr. Rao has had many opportunities of visiting and has visited many Historical Buildings of Architectural interest to sketch and measure, and must thus have gained much knowledge which will be of great use to him in the Archaeological Department for which I consider he is well fitted.

I shall hope to hear of his success at no very distant

distant date.

Mr. Rao has applied for a month's vacation leave from the 1st of May which has been granted with instructions that after its termination he will report himself to the Mysore Government.

These facts may kindly be intimated to the Mysore Durbar.

I have the homour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- J. MERCER,
L.R.I.B.A.,

Ag. Consulting Architect to Government.

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T E S T I M O N I A L S.

1. From G. Wittet, F.R.I.B.A., M.T.P.I., F.B.U., Consulting Architect to the Government of Bombay, (now on leave)

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Mr. B. Venkoba Rao has been in my office for the past four years. During that period he has been engaged on the preparation of plans for buildings of all classes. He has also studied at the School of Art and completed the four year architectural course

Mr. Rao is a very good draughtsman. He has specially devoted himself to the study of Indian work and possesses good feeling for composition and design.

I can strongly recommend Mr. Rao as a man who will prove himself very useful either as an architect or an Archaeologist

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2. From Mr. Richard Duckett, Assistant to the Consulting Architect to the Government of Bombay; and Professor of Design, Sir J.J.School of Art.

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Mr. B.V.Rao has worked under me for the last 12 months bo in the Consulting Architect's Office and at the Sir J.J.School of Art(Architecture School).

He is an excellent draughtsman and designer

In the Final Architecture Examination he came out first which position I consider he fully merited.

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3. From Mr. Claude Batley, A.R.I.B.A., of the reputed Firm of Architects who are responsible for many imporatnt buildings in Bombay Malcutta and in some of the Native States of Northern India, Also designers of the Tata Research Institute at Bangalore.

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I have known Mr. B. Venkoba Rao as a Student in the School of Art and in connection with the Architectural Students' Association for some years and in my opinion his character and abili-

ties

are so much above the average that he would command anywhere a high position in either the architectural or archaeological branch of the profession.

I was specially struck with the good quality of his design work while I was acting as Professor of Design in the School of Art and also of the papers he read before the above Association on Indian Architecture, History and Archaeology. I certainly think Mr. Rao has the qualification for a most successful career in the profession, if he is given, as I hope he will be, the necessary scope and opportunity.

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4. From Mr. H. Foster King, Lecturer, Second Year Architectural Course, Sir J.J.School of Art, and for some time Vice-Principal of the School. Also partner of the Firm of Architects mentioned above.

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I have known Mr. B. Venkoba Rao for the last four years both "in School" and "Out". Where he came directly under my super vision in the Elementary Building Construction course of the Bombay School of Art he proved himself as possessing an intelligence greatly above the average. In my more intimate knowledge of Mr. Rao out of School hours, I can most willingly testify to his uprightness of character and gentlemanly bearing.

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5. From Mr. T.S.Gregson, A.R.I.B.A., of the Firm of Messrs Gregson, Batley & King, Architects and Surveyors, One of the ablest architects now in Bombay

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I am acquainted with Mr. B. Venkoba Rao. He has for sometime past been studying Architecture as connected with Archaeology at the Sir J.J.School of Art. He has taken a keen interest in his studies, and in the School, where his many abilities have constantly brought him to the fore amongst his fellow students. From what I have seen of his work I think Mr Rao deserves to meet with success in the profession he has chosen.

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To

The Chief Secretary

to the Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of my application of the 17th instant I beg to place the following additional facts for the consideration of Government.

In paragraph 5 of the notice inviting applications for undergoing training in architecture at Bombay it was stated that the candidate after the training would be given a salary of not less than Rs. 100/- 150/-

The whole scheme concerning this training was adopted from the Government of India scheme on the subject. But in their scheme the Government of India did not fix the amount of salary that would be given to their scholars. In this connection I beg to state that, while fixing the salary of the appointment here, Government were not aware of the value of the profession and that the grade then advertised is very inadequate. Anything between Rs200/- and 250/- would be considered a fair value for the qualifications I possess. The amount of the scholarship itself was Rs. 100/-; the period of the training was very long and tiresome; and lastly persons having the same technical knowledge I possess are getting ~~[illegible]~~ in the State Service Rs. 200/-. I mention the name of Mr. P.S.Subramanyam of P.W.D. in point. Besides these, as I have already stated in my application, the Government of India scholars will get Rs. 250/ to start with. The Kashmir Durbar are also getting a man trained in the Archaeological Office at Simla whose term will expire shortly. He has been promised an appointment on Rs. 250- 500.

In these circumstances, I humbly beg that the Government will graciously consider the question of my pay at the time of passing orders on my application.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. Venkoba Rao

Bangalore
21st May 1919

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MYSORE RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Bangalore, 13th June 1919

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A copy of the marginally noted letter, ~~with~~ ~~enclosure~~, is forwarded with Compts.

*No. 501 dated 29-4-1919
from the Ag. Consulting Archt. to Govt of Bombay
to the Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.
Bombay.

to the Secretary to the Govt of Mysore
Depts of Education and Agriculture,
for information, with reference to the
correspondence ending with Mr. Balasundaram
Iyer's letter no Pol 792, dated the 15th Feb. 1919.

J. Rutter Lt.

for First Assistant Resident.

R. O. 178 (a).—R. P B.—4-1919.—1,000.

Letter No.501 Dated the 29th April 1919 From the A.E.Consulting Architect to Government, Bombay, to the Secretary to Govt. Public Works Department, Bombay.

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These facts may kindly be intimated to the Mysore Durbar.

C. C. P Y.

R E G I S T R A R.
Resident's Office.

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To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

B a n g a l o r e .

Sir,

I beg to submit herewith, for favour of perusal, a copy of the points I urged this afternoon before the Second Member in connection with my appointment and I request that I may be kindly permitted to represent my case personally before you whenever you are free to receive me.

I beg to remain,

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Your most obedient servant,

P B Venkoba Rao

69, Surveyor's Road
Basavanguḍi.
Bangalore,

1st July 1919

Subject:- Application of B.Venkoba Rao, B.A., Architect, for appointment in the State service.

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MEMO OF POINTS URGED.

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I. EARLY ORDERS. REQUESTED.

My application has been pending orders since the 17th May 1919. I have been on leave without allowances since then and I find it extremely difficult to maintain myself and my family which is sufficiently large. When I interviewed the Dewan Saheb last month, he was pleased to state that orders would issue in the course of a fortnight. Even though six weeks have passed no orders have been issued. I pray that orders may be issued early.

II. SALARY EXPECTED.

I beg that the following points may be kindly taken into consideration before finally passing orders fixing my pay:-

(a) The amount of my scholarship itself was Rs. 100/- per mensem and the period of training was very long and difficult, viz., four years.

(b) My training formed part of the Government of India scheme and the three scholars selected by the Government of India will be started on Rs. 250/-.

(c) The Kashmir Durbar who also took advantage of this special training instituted by the Government of India have promised their scholar Rs. 250-50-500.

(d) My qualifications are much superior to those of any of the scholars mentioned above and I therefore humbly beg that the Government will be pleased to give me the same pay and prospects as the scholars of other Governments get. In the final Examination I have stood out first and won the prize and the Medal. I possess good certificats from some of the best Architects of Bombay.

(e) The probationer attached to the Archaeological Department has been promised Rs. 150 -200. He is a Graduate in Arts with History and Sanskrit. I also possess the same qualifications and in addition have undergone four years this special training. I therefore beg that I may be started on a higher salary and given a better grade.

(f) Persons possessing the same techinical knowledge as I do at present, are getting Rs. 200/- and above. I mention the name of Mr. P.S. Subramanyam, Assist. Architect working in the P.W.D. in point. I therefore pray that I may also be given a starting pay of Rs. 200/- and above and not less.

III. STATUS NECESSARY.

I beg that I may be given the status of either an Assistant Commissioner or an Assistant Engineer. In the course of my work I will have to deal with Assistant Commissioners in the Revenue Department and Assistant Engineers in the P.W.D. and other Departments to carry out the designs furnished by me. Unless I possess sufficient status my opinions will not carry enough value and it will be very difficult to work smoothly.

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B.Venkoba Rao

Poona
July 19[illegible].

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Concld No 8(22-27 of 1919

SUBJECT.....

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue..... 17/9

Signed by..... Mr ~~Hon'ble Mr~~ Pratt

C.B.E.

May this be

i Printed ?

ii treated as a standing order ?

ii published in the Gazette, English Part ?

iv translated ?

v placed at the disposal of the press ?

vi published in the Gazette Kannada Part ?

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Section G.M

File No. 80-19

Serial No. 3

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read— again,

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Read also;

~~Order Thereon~~ ~~No~~ Endorsement No 4611 dy 13th June 1919 from the First Asst to the Hon'ble The Resident in Mysore forwarding a copy of letter no. 501

Consulting

24th April 1919 from the ~~Acting~~ Architect to the Govt of Bombay, intimating that Mr B. Venkoba Rao, Mysore Govt Scholar ~~deputed for training~~ has completed his four years training successfully and that he has been granted a months vacation from 1st May 1919 with instructions to report himself to the Mysore Govt on the expiry thereof

2. Petn dt 17.5.19 from Mr B Venkoba Rao, reporting that he has successfully undergone the course of training in Architecture, ~~modern & ancient~~ taking the first place in the final examination held in March 19 & praying that he may be provided with a suitable appointment

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order:-

Govt are pleased to appoint Mr B. Venkoba Rao B.A. as Architectural ~~Draftsman~~ ~~Assistant~~ to the ~~Director of Arch: Researches~~ in ~~Mysore~~ on a pay of Rs 150/- ~~per~~ for a period of one year

Mr Venkoba Rao's services should also be utilised for work relating to the preservation of the numerous Muzrai Institutions.

Sanction is also accorded to the continuance of the stipend to Mr Venkoba Rao during the ~~short~~ period intervening between the date of this return & that of his joining the appointment sanctioned above.

Chief Secy

List of enclosures.

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To
The Director of Arch: Researches in Mysore
" Chief Engr of Mysore
" Muzrai Supdt in Mysore
" Comptroller Mysore Govt
Copy to the Muzrai Secty

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THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

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Order No.G.6966-9/Ede 80-15-3
Dated,, 17th September 1919.

Government are pleased to appoint Mr. B. Venkoba Rao, B.A as Architectural Draftsman in the archaeological Department on a pay of Rs. 150/- per mensem on probation for one year. Mr. Venkoba Rao's services should also be utilised for work

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work relating to the preservation of Muzrai Institutions.

2. Sanction is also accorded to the continuance of the stipend to Mr. Venkoba Rao during the period intervening between date of his return from training and that of his joining the appointment sanctioned above.

3. The sum from which the cost has to be met will be pointed out later on.

Sd/- C. S. Balasundaram Iyer,

Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore.

The Chief Engineer of Mysore.

The Muzrai Superintendent in Mysore.

The Comptroller, Mysore Government through Financila Secretariat.

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Office of the Director of
Archaeological Researches in Mysore.

Bangalore 22nd September 1919

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From

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Rao Bahadur R. Narasimhachar, Esqr. M.A.,
Director of Archaeological Researches in
Mysore,

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT.
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MINOR Depts.
26 SEP 1919

C. S. Balasundaram Iyengar, Esqr. B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of
Mysore
Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honour to state that Mr. B. Venkoba Rao, B.A., who has been appointed as Architectural Draftsman in this Department by Government Order No. G. 6966-91 G.M. 83-19-3 dt. 17th September 1919 has reported himself for duty in this office on the forenoon to-day.

I have the honour to be
Sir
your most obedient servant
R. Narasimhachar
Director of
Archaeological Researches in
Mysore